UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Fabrizio Samaritani et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box AF Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing a Notice of Appeal by two (2) months. Enclosed is our check No. \$2246 which includes the amount of \$380.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

Response within first month not small entity (\$110) small entity (\$55)
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You are authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700 any additional amounts owing.

If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 11, 1999:

Charles C. Achkar Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

February 11, 1999 Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,

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